(c) The State Government has been advised to furnish the requisite technical details and estimate for the works to faci litate their inclusion in the works programme.

(d) Does not arise at this stage.

over bridges on railway lines in Maharashtra

3698. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in Maharashtra owing to inadequacies of over bridges on the railway lines difficulties are being faced in the traffic movement at a number of places;

(b) if so, what are the names of such places and the steps Government propose to take to remove these difficulties;

(c) whether the Maharashtra Government has recommended for construction of the over-bridge at Babupet Railway crossing of Chanderpur; and

(d) if so, what action has beert^ taken by Government thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS : (SHRI AJAY SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement showing the locations where construction of road overbridges is considered necessary, is attached, *(See* below. The Railways and the State Government have already sanctioned sixteen road over-bridges in their works programme. The remaining works will be taken up in a phased manner, on sponsoring by the State Government duly consenting to bear/share the cost as per rules.

Ic) Yes Sir. The State Government sponsored the proposal for the facility several years ago but dropped it subsequently.

id) The Railways can take action in the matter, only, if the State Government revives the proposal and sponsors it duly consenting to share the cost as per rules.

Statement

The locations in Maharashtra where it JS considered necessary to construct road overbridges for the smooth movement of traffic are Churchgate-Virar Bombay Suburban Section (18 locations), Virar, Saphala, Boisar, Navapur, Dondaicha, Nardana, Ambernath, Wardha, Kapri, Mulund (2 Nos.), Fekri, Nasirabad, Butti Bori, Borkhedi, Vilad/Dehere, Dhamangaon, Niphad, Chuna Bhatti, Murtizapur, Hinganghat, Sewri, Vikhroli, Nimshirgaon, Parli, Dharmabad, Bhandara Road-Khat and between Nagpur and Itwari.

Claim cases pending in Maharashtra

3699. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased
to state :

(a) the number of claim cases pendnig before Labour and Industrial courts in Maharashtra as on date ;

(b) the number of cases out of them which have been pending for more than two years ;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps for disposal of these cases expeditiously ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS
PASWAN) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Import of Edible Oils

3700. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what action has been taken by Government to tide over the difficulties in respect of inadequate stock position of edible oil;

(b) whether Government have re ceived any proposal from the Chief Minister of Gujarat for inclusion of edible
oil in the shopping list so that it would be imported against import licences as reported in the Times of India dated the 24th Auguest, 1990 ; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL) : (a) The allocation of imported edible oil for PDS has been increased from 70,000 MTs in July, 1990 to 92,000 MTs in September, 1990. The increased allocation is likely to continue till the end of festival season to cope with the enhanced requirement of the festival season. Besides stock limits of edible oilseeds and edible oils to be held by various categories of traders have been reduced to avoid the chances of hoarding. Further the minimum margin on bank advances against oilseeds and vegetable oils has also further been raised. States have also been advised to gear up their enforcement machinery to discipline the trade. These steps taken by the Government are likely to increase the availability of edible oils.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Doubling of tracks from Nergundi to Barang Via Cuttack

3701. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for Electrification of Railway line from Kharagpur to Vizianagaram *via* Khurda Road (708 Kms) under S.E. Railways;

(b) if so, whether the proposal has been included in 8th Plan outlay ;

(c) if not, whether Government would consider the proposal to be undertaken during 8th Plan period; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for doubling the track from Nergundi to Barang *via* Cuttack and the same has been included in 8th Plan and if not, whether Government would consider the same for execution during the 8th Plan period ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Presently, there is no proposal for doubling of track from Nergundi to Barang.

Departure time of Puri Express

3702. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether there would be any change of departure time of 2816 New Delhi Puri Express and 8476 Nelachal Express leaving New Delhi ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH) : No, Sir.

Report of the Committee to go into theuestion of augmenting the resources oflocal bodies in the event of Abolition ofOctroi

3703. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the report of the Committee constituted to go into the question of augmenting the resources of local bodies in the event of abolition of Octroi, has since been circulated to the State Governments for necessary action; what are the salient features of the report;

(b) what is the response of the State Governments ; and

(c) where does the question rest at present ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes Sir, a summary of the recommendations is given in Statement-I. *(See* below)

(b) Response so far received is given in the Statement-II. *(See* below)

(c) Since Octroi is a State subject the decision on the recommendations is to be taken by the respective State Governments.